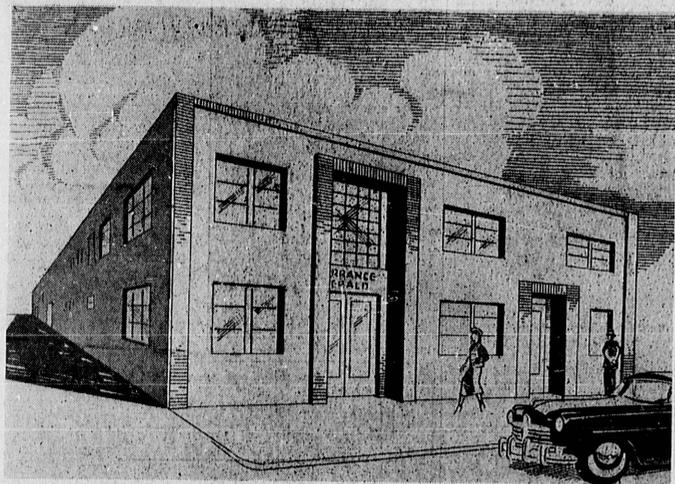




BREAKING GROUND . . . For the new Herald building to rise at 1619 Gramercy avenue, yesterday morning, is seen Nancy Whyte, Torrance High senior and daughter of Publisher Grover C. Whyte, at the driver's seat of the tractor. Lending their weight to the first bite, are shown (left to right) Edwin B. Brown, business manager; Publisher Whyte; P. L. Hoffman, engineer in charge of construction; and F. S. Selover, managing editor.



NEW HERALD BUILDING . . . More than doubling the floor space of its present office and publishing plant at 1336 El Prado, The Torrance Herald will move into its own attractive modern home sketched above, as soon as it is completed about October 1. The structure has a frontage of 60 feet at 1619 Gramercy avenue, and will be 140 feet deep, with mezzanine over the office portion. It will be fireproof and earthquake resistant, throughout. Construction operations are under the supervision of P. L. Hoffman, engineer. Plans drawn by N. A. Muick, consultant.

Construction Is Started On Torrance Herald's New Gramercy Ave. Building

Immediate construction of an attractive and thoroughly modern new printing plant and newspaper office building by the Torrance Herald is announced today by Grover C. Whyte, publisher. The new structure, to be located at 1619 Gramercy avenue, will occupy three lots adjacent to the alley in the present parking area between the State Employment office and the Beacon Drug Company.

The building will have a frontage of 60 feet and a depth of 140 feet, with mezzanine over the office portion and high ceiling over the mechanical department. It will be of earthquake resistant and fireproof construction with reinforced concrete, pumple block walls, steel roof trusses and girders and concrete floors. The spacious lobby and office portion will have acoustic tile ceilings and asphaltic tile floor coverings. Separate offices for the publisher, business manager, and managing editor are provided as well as departmental offices for the editorial, advertising and business staffs.

The front elevation of the building will be enhanced by Roman brick and glass block around the two entrances, which will have attractive aluminum doors. All window sash will be of aluminum or steel. Complete rest room facilities for both the office and mechanical departments, as well as a locker and lunch room are included. A photographic department will be built on the mezzanine floor, which will also include conference rooms, library, and "morgue," or files.

The mechanical department is being doubled in size and much new modern printing equipment will be installed. A rotary type newspaper press, similar to those used by metropolitan dailies, is included in the expansion program; and it is anticipated that this larger press will be available for installation when the building is completed.

P. L. Hoffman, engineer, of Torrance, will be in charge of construction of the new Herald building. Plans were developed and drawn by N. A. Muick, consultant, of Los Angeles.

This new and permanent home of the Torrance Herald will be the third of a succession of building enlargements made since the newspaper was purchased in 1922 by Grover C. Whyte, its present publisher. When first acquired in December, 1922, The Herald was published in a building on Broadway.

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COURT INJUNCTION ENJOINS RETAIL CLERKS UNION FROM PICKETING HARBOR STORES

Judge Clarence M. Hanson of the L. A. Superior Court this afternoon granted three retail employers in the Harbor area a preliminary injunction against Retail Clerks' Union, Local 905, and its officers. This preliminary injunction replaces a temporary restraining order granted by Judge Hanson on

March 26. It enjoins the defendants from picketing the Harbor area stores involved or from taking any other action to interfere with their business or to intimidate their customers or others doing business with the stores.

In issuing the injunction Judge Hanson ruled that the retail stores involved were engaged in interstate commerce and that the contract which the union leaders were attempting to force on the stores contained an illegal closed shop clause. The injunction resulted from a complaint and a suit for \$75,000 damages against Clerks' Local 905 and its officers by Caldwell's Department Store, Spear's Store for Men and The Wilmington Hardware Company, all of Wilmington.

One month ago these three plaintiffs filed this suit in Department 34 of the Superior Court of Los Angeles charging that the union had picketed the stores and engaged in other coercive tactics in an effort to sign the illegal contract.

The Judge's decision today enjoins the union from the following activities:

1. From "placing or maintaining any pickets" at these stores.
2. From interfering with the stores in obtaining employees.
3. From causing a secondary boycott to be placed on the stores.
4. From disciplining or threatening any union member working in the three stores.
5. From stating to customers that stores are unfair to the union.
6. From "threatening or intimidating or coercing" customers or others doing business with the stores.

J. Stuart Neary, attorney for the stores in whose favor the injunction against the union was issued, stated late today, "Judge Hanson's decision in this case will be received with gratitude by all interests in the Harbor area—customers, union clerks and businessmen alike. For many months Tidwell, the leader of Clerks' Local 905, has maintained that he was above the law and that no federal statute could be used to force on any store in the Harbor area to sign a closed shop contract if he so desired. Judge Hanson's decision should at once and for all make it clear that Tidwell will not be permitted to threaten an individual merchant and call a strike against him if he refuses to sign a closed shop contract. Perhaps now Tidwell will see his way clear to offering retail stores in the Harbor area a workable contract with a legal security clause and to agree to final and impartial arbitration with no work stoppages allowed."

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Two New Street Projects Are Planned By City

Two major Torrance street projects will get under way at once, one involving the opening of Cabrillo avenue through south Torrance to connect with Eshelman avenue, Lomita, its was revealed Tuesday.

Bids have been asked by the City Council for improvement of Cabrillo between Sepulveda boulevard and 231st street, through Kettler Knolls No. 2, and a pavement of 56-feet in width will be provided. The thoroughfare will provide a third route between Torrance and Lomita, unincorporated county territory. The others are Arlington or Narbonne avenues and Pennsylvania avenue.

Also asked in advertisements of the city published this week are bids to improve Crenshaw boulevard from 190th street to 203rd street, through General Petroleum Corp. property.

NUMBERS ON HOUSES ARE PROTESTED

Inadequate and incorrect house-numbering in Torrance was called to the attention of the City Council by Postmaster C. Earl Connor, Tuesday night, with a request that the system be corrected to conform with uniform numbering established by the County of Los Angeles.

Connor said that the numbering system is hampering the delivery of mail in outlying sections of the city, and cited instances where in one block there are three different sets of block numbers.

When the matter was referred to City Administrator George W. Stevens for his recommendation, the administrator said that new tracts are being numbered in accordance with the county system, and he declared that the entire city should be blocked out accordingly.

SCHOOL BOARD INCREASES BOND ISSUE TO PROVIDE FOR NEW LIGHTED H. S. STADIUM

In response to community demand, the Torrance Board of Education Friday night voted to add \$40,000 to the June 4 school bond election to provide a start for lights and bleachers at Torrance High School.

By unanimous decision, the board rescinded its resolution adopted last week calling for a secondary school bond election of \$142,000 and provided funds to bring night football to Torrance, in a new resolution.

The previous resolution on the bond issue called for two propositions, one for \$132,000 to cover the cost of constructing elementary schools, and another for \$142,000 for the development of Torrance High School. The addition of the \$40,000 will bring the total bond issue to \$150,000.

The board's action was the result of opinions expressed by businessmen, parents, community leaders, and employees of industry who stated that they felt funds for the lighted field should be provided by the school district and not from student body funds.

Last week the board heard a report from Ray Rogers, chairman of a citizens committee, who stated that more than \$40,000 would be required for the construction program. This stopped the plan momentarily as it was obvious that the student body at Torrance would not be in a position to finance such a program.

The increased cost to the average home owner over previous bond cost estimates was predicted by tax experts to be under 50-cents a year for the proposed 14-year period of bond indebtedness.

School officials stated that the \$40,000 if voted, will not be enough to completely cover the

Weather Report

Proving that good things come in small doses, only 0.1 of an inch of rain has fallen in Torrance during the last week, according to official weather reports. The light drizzle last Thursday brought the total for the season to 4.38, which is considerably less than the 1947 figure of 10.14 on the comparable date.

The temperature recordings for the week were as follows:

Date	Maximum	Minimum
21	64	51
22	72	52
23	66	41
24	74	62
25	74	48
26	70	58
27	78	64

\$35,800,000 Is Assessed Value Of City, Report

The assessed valuation of Torrance, to be used in computing city and school district taxes for the fiscal year 1948-49, may reach \$35,800,000, reliable sources stated this week.

During the present fiscal year, the assessed valuation reached \$33,500,000. The \$2,300,000 increase in assessed valuation is due to industrial and residential expansion in Torrance during the year, and while assessments are made as of March 15, it is reported that County Assessor John R. Quinn and his deputies still are busy on the assessment roll.

The official figure will not be available for several months, it was said.

Boys to Run City, Schools For Day In Big Program

Senior boys from Torrance High School will take over various governmental and educational jobs on May 13 as a part of the observance of Boy's Week in Torrance, it was announced yesterday by Arthur Main, vice principal at the local high school.

On that day boys selected by the Junior Statesmen, a student organization interested in affairs of government, will sit with city officials in the morning and will prepare reports and suggestions to make before the student mayor and City Council at a meeting in the City Council chambers in the evening.

The boys selected will be all seniors with the possible exception of one honor junior who will be selected from the history and government classes at the school, Main said.

CITY TREASURER'S DUTIES SUBJECT OF NEW FLAREUP AS DEPUTY OUT OF OFFICE

Following the revelation this week that Charles A. Curtis cannot continue in his dual capacity of deputy city clerk and deputy city treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Fordice, the City Treasurer, announced that she is renewing her demands for full recognition of her rights in office, required by law and by her bondsmen under the law.

Curtis was named deputy city treasurer until April 15, 1948, by Mrs. Fordice, at the suggestion of members of the City Council in order to facilitate handling of funds of the City of Torrance.

It was revealed that the positions of deputy treasurer and deputy city clerk are incompatible, since in each case the principal is an elective official responsible for certain specific and separate duties. Such an opinion was rendered by City Attorney C. Douglas Smith.

Mrs. Fordice claims that she has not been allowed to handle funds, issue receipts, nor has she been afforded space in the City Hall to carry out her duties.

"The duties have been handed up to April 15 by Curtis, but

THREE 'MISS TORRANCE' CANDIDATES SPONSORED

Announcement of the sponsorship of three of the candidates for selection as "Miss Torrance of 1948" was made this week by Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, queen contest committee chairman of the sponsoring Torrance Junior Woman's Club. The contest will close May 21 with a coronation ceremony and presentation of the candidates' gifts which will highlight the junior clubwomen's annual fiesta.

The contestants will make their first public appearance together on Tuesday evening, May 4, in Torrance City Park as guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cuttle. Cuttle is sponsor of "Torrance Settlers" National Nite Ball League championship contenders. The occasion will mark the opening game of the season and one of the girls will be chosen to throw in the first ball.

Purpose of the contest is to procure funds for the YWCA building and equipment fund, a project of the Juniors. Each contestant's score will

Fathers, Sons To Hear Talk By Dean Cromwell

Dean Cromwell, track coach at U.S.C. and coach of the United States Olympic team, will be guest speaker at a "Father and Son Night" program to be held at Torrance High School on May 5, according to Eddie Cole, coach at the local high school.

Al Stephenson, president of the Varsity Lettermen's Club, sponsors of the event, stated that the club was making every effort to provide an evening of "he-man" entertainment which will include boxing, wrestling, tumbling and topping the program a buffet supper.

The Varsity Club has sent invitations to the fathers of the high school boys and is distributing tickets among the students. Price of admission was set at 55c each.



MISS TORRANCE OF 1948 . . . Choose one of these lovelies and cast your ballots for "Miss Torrance of 1948." Your contribution not only will go to the election of the Queen but will aid the YWCA building and equipment fund. Pictured are, (left to right) Donna Mauk, whose candidacy is being vied for by two service clubs; Marie Kellon, sponsored by VFW Post No. 3251; Beverly Crook, Optimist club candidate; and Mary Ellen Crawford, whose sponsor is Torrance Lions Club. (Ray's Studio photos.)

16,482 Persons In Torrance, County Claims

The County Regional Planning Commission Monday estimated the current population of Torrance at 16,482.

Redondo Beach was estimated to have a population of 21,985; Hermosa Beach at 11,637; Manhattan Beach at 13,474; Palos Verdes Estates at 15,911.

In a report filed with the Board of Supervisors the Commission said Torrance currently has 5018 dwelling units, compared with 3155 in 1940.

Redondo Beach has 7298 dwelling units, compared with 4914 in 1940; Hermosa Beach, 4140, compared with 3384; Manhattan Beach, 4912, compared with 2836; Palos Verdes 495 compared with 318.

The overall county population was estimated at 3,973,325, of which Los Angeles city was credited with 1,962,074.

Increased Bus Schedule To S.W. Torrance

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines will service WALTERIA and Seaside Rancho sections of Torrance with 11 daily trips starting May 2, Manager W. H. Murphy, of the bus department, announced yesterday.

The schedule for the new municipal transportation service provided for Southwest Torrance is as follows:

Lv. Torrance (Beacon Drug Terminal)	Arr. and Lv. Seaside Rancho via WALTERIA
6:55 a.m.	7:17 a.m.
7:55 a.m.	8:17 a.m.
8:55 a.m.	9:17 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	11:37 a.m.
12:15 p.m.	12:37 p.m.
1:15 p.m.	1:37 p.m.
2:05 p.m.	2:27 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	3:52 p.m.
4:40 p.m.	5:02 p.m.
6:10 p.m.	6:32 p.m.
11:15 p.m.	11:33 p.m.

The service will be extended to Hollywood Riviera section as soon as traffic warrants, it was said.

The regular 12-15 p.m. bus to Harbor City has been discontinued in favor of the run to WALTERIA and Seaside Rancho, according to Murphy.